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MFA SECRETARIAL DIRECTOR GENERAL NADIM, WHO JUST BACK FROM PALACE, CONFIRMS THAT GOP HAD ASKED IRAN TO DELAY RECOGNITION OF AFGHANISTAN AT LEAST UNTIL BHUTTO AND SHAH MET IN LONDON. HE SAYS SHAH RECOGNIZES THAT PAKISTAN HAS GOOD REASONS TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION BECAUSE OF DAUD'S PAST RECORD AND RECENT STATEMENTS ON PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE. HOWEVER, WHILE FULLY SYMPATHETIC TO PAKISTAN'S PROBLEMS, SHAH FELT THAT IRAN'S INTERESTS WERE BETTER SERVED BY NOT DELAYING RECOGNITION ANY LONGER. ELEMENTS ENTERING INTO DECISION INCLUDED (A) FACT THAT AFGHANISTAN WAS IMPORTANT NEIGHBOR, (B) DAUD REGIME SEEMED TO BE IN CONTROL AND (C) IN RESPONSE TO DISCREET INQUIRIES ADDRESSED TO DAUD ABOUT HIS CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD IRAN, DAUD HAD SENT MESSAGE THAT HE HAD ONLY FRIENDLIEST OF SENTIMENTS TOWARDS THIS COUNTRY.
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